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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF ARTHUR BURNS

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GOVERNOR HARRY KNIGHT OF THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA HAS AGAIN REQUESTED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO GIVE THE LUNCHEON FOR DR. BURNS IN SYDNEY ON APRIL 26 AT THE RESERVE BANK. HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LUNCHEON FOR 20 OF THE LEADING AUSTRALIAN BANKERS AND ECONOMISTS IN SYDNEY, AND HE UNDERSTANDS THAT DR. BURNS DOES NOT WISH TO MAKE A SPEECH AND WOULD BE MOST HAPPY IF HE WOULD AGREE TO ENGAGE IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. SINCE HE SEEMS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO EXTEND THIS HOSPITALITY TO DR. BURNS, I INDICATED I WOULD BE PREPARED TO FOREGO THE PLEASURE OF GIVING THE LUNCH MYSELF IF DR. BURNS WERE AGREEABLE. MY WIFE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO TAKE MRS. BURNS TO LUNCH AND SHOW HER A BIT OF SYDNEY ON THE 26TH IF SHE IS FREE. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DR. BURNS WISHES TO ACCEPT MR. KNIGHT'S INVITATION.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK HAS INFORMED US THAT HE MUCH REGRETS THAT HE WILL NOT BE IN CANBERRA DURING DR. BURNS' STAY THERE AND WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT IN SYDNEY
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ON THE MORNING OF THE 26TH. HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE US WITH THE EXACT TIME AND VENUE YET. WE WILL ADVISE THESE WHEN KNOWN.
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